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In March 1982, the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) began an extensive study concerning the nitrate level of contamination in the private homes of Roscoe, Hononegah Country Estates and other nearby subdivisions of Northeastern Winnebago County. Prior to the completion of this study, the Winnebago County Department of Public Health randomly sampled wells in the Hononegah Country Estates Subdivision for the possible presence of volatile organic chemicals (VOC's). Several wells were found to contain a total sum of VOC's ranging in levels from traces to greater than 1600 parts per billion (ppb). Most wells were affected by at least three VOC's: trichloroethylene (TCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethane and tetrachloroethylene (PCE). Common solvents and degreasers, these compounds are used in a variety of industrial and commercial processes. Each home in the subdivision, totalling approximately 130, is served by its own water well supply because there is not a Public Water Supply Well in the area.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) was contacted by the ISWS to perform and assist the drilling and monitor well installation necessary to fulfill the grant issued by the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources to the ISWS. The purpose of the grant was to evaluate the extent and degree of VOC contamination in the groundwater of the Hononegah Country Estates and Roscoe area. So, in August of 1983, the IEPA and ISWS began a hydrogeologic evaluation and investigation of the Roscoe/Northeastern Winnebago Country area.

#### Method of Study

Prior to drilling and installation of the stainless steel permanent monitor wells, temporary wells were installed at various locations.

These were performed on July 19-21, 1983 under the supervision of Allen Wehrmann of the ISWS and were drilled by local drillers volunteering their own services to aid in the investigation of groundwater contamination of the area. Following the collection of a groundwater sample, these wells were removed and the borehole backfilled. Results of the samples collected are reported on a map by Allen Wehrmann which is included in this report. From these analysis, a groundwater monitoring plan was developed and the actual drilling of the permanent monitor wells began on August 8 and concluded on August 11, 1983.

Upon arriving at the drilling location, research was performed on the geology that would be encountered. Due to the homogeneity of the glacial deposits, it was anticipated that thick sands and gravels would be abundant and that sampling by split spoon would be cumbersome, arduous, and time consuming. Therefore, logging of the borehole was performed on the materials brought up by the rotation of the auger. This was only done on the initial boring at each nest as that boring was always the deepest. As seen in the materials brought to the surface, there was no indication of any other lithology but the sands and gravels which were anticipated. Soil classifications indicated on the boring logs are visual classifications and are not the result of laboratory

classification tests. The actual drilling was performed using a hollow-stem auger with the inside plug and bit installed. This procedure was consistently followed until a depth where water was encountered, then the inside plug was removed because it would tend to "cement" itself inside the auger due to the sand grains and removal would be burdensome.

A total of nine (9) monitor wells were installed at four (4) different nested locations. At Nest 1, three monitor wells were installed and at Nests 2, 3, and 4, only two (see Map II for nest locations). Well specifications are located on Table la. The well number represents the nest number (e.g., N1) and the total depth of well (e.g., 80). Each well was constructed using 2" stainless steel casing with threaded joints. The casing was steam cleaned and the joints were threaded together using teflon tape. The well screens were 2' screen length with the slotted area being 0.010 size. These screens also included a welded on drive cone. The concrete/bentonite grout used was a mixture of concrete (80#) plus approximately 5 percent bentonite. Through experience and data, this grout was less frequent to cracking and a more impermeable plug/seal was achieved.

#### Geology

Beneath the study area, a deep valley had been carved by the erosional action of melt waters from the glaciers during their advance

and retreat stages. These melt waters carried abundant amounts of sands and gravels with silts, clays, and some organic matter and deposited them within the valley limits. Sands and gravels comprise the majority of the subsurface deposits in the study area. These deposits are as much as 200 feet thick in the deepest portions within this now buried hedrock valley. Exposed beneath these sands and gravels was the St. Peter Sandstone when the bedrock valley was carved through the Galena-Platteville Dolomite. For the purpose of this investigation, only the deposits within the upper 80 to 85 foot depth will be considered which include only the glacial sands and gravels.

#### Hydrogeo<u>logy</u>

The hydrogeology of the area is relatively simplex, due to the homogeneity of the sands and gravels present. Groundwater flow would be in a south-southwesterly direction as seen by water levels recorded in Fall of 1982 during the nitrate study (see Map IV) and present levels in the recently installed monitor wells (see Table 1b). Using Darcy's Equation modified for velocity:

$$V = K \frac{dh}{dl} \frac{1}{n}$$

where:

K = permeability
dh
dl = hydraulic gradient
n = porosity

One would be able to determine the velocity of laminar groundwater flow assuming no additions or withdrawls of water to and/or from the aquifer. So, supposing two conditions -- 1.) the permeability of the sands is equal to 1 x  $10^{-2}$  cm/sec. and 2.) the porosity of clean sand is equal to 25 percent (from Freeze and Cherry, 1979). Therefore:

$$V = 1 \times 10^{-2}$$
 cm/sec x 4.68 ft x 1 2140.5 ft  $\times$  1.25

(conversion from cm/sec to ft/yr = cm/sec x 1.03465 x  $10^6$ )

$$V = (1.0347 \times 10^4)(2.1864 \times 10^{-3})(4)$$

V = 90.491 ft/yr

This provides a velocity of 90.491 feet per year for groundwater movement. This velocity is an estimate under the circumstances stated and does not necessarily represent the actual groundwater flow velocity in the aquifer of the study area.

#### Groundwater Quality

Initial sampling results collected August 30-31, 1983 of the ISWS/IEPA monitor wells indicate that groundwater contamination of TCE is occurring in the study area.

Well	TCE Concentration (ppb)
N1-80	281
N1 - 70	460
N1-60	1112
N2-60	293
N2-50	43
N3-55	59
N3-40	267
N4-60	402
N4-50	829

Comparison of these analysis with the temporary well sample analysis might indicate that the source is most likely not continuous.

Conclusions are difficult to make at this time since only a very few samples have been collected and comparison of these would not accurately represent the actual increase/decrease of contaminants at a given point. Future sampling of these wells would aid in comparison and conclusions of the groundwater quality in the study area. Furthermore, at this time, a source of contamination cannot be determined until further investigation and data collection is achieved.

Table la Well Specifications

Well #	Screen Packing	Concrete/Bentonite Grout Plug	Cuttings	Surface Seal
N1 - 80	80-29	29-27	27-2.5	2.5-0
N1-70	70-31	31-29	29-2.5	2.5-0
N1 - 60	60-30	30-27	27-2.5	2.5-0
N2-60	60-29	26-24	24-2.3	2.3-0
N2-50	50-25.5	25.5-23.5	23.5-2.5	2.5-0
N3-55	55-26	26-25	25-2	2-0
N3-45	40-7.5	~	7.5-2.5	2.5-0
N4-60	60-25	25-24	24-2	2-0
N 4-50	50-25.5	25.5-24	24-2.3	2.3-0

All figures recorded in depth below surface.

Table 1b GW Elevations of August 30-31, 1983

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N1 -80	717.34	
N1-70	717.41	
N1-60	717.40	
N2-60	722.08	
N2-50	722,07	
N3-55	720.88	
N3-40	720.87	
N4-60	721.89	
N4-50	721.91	

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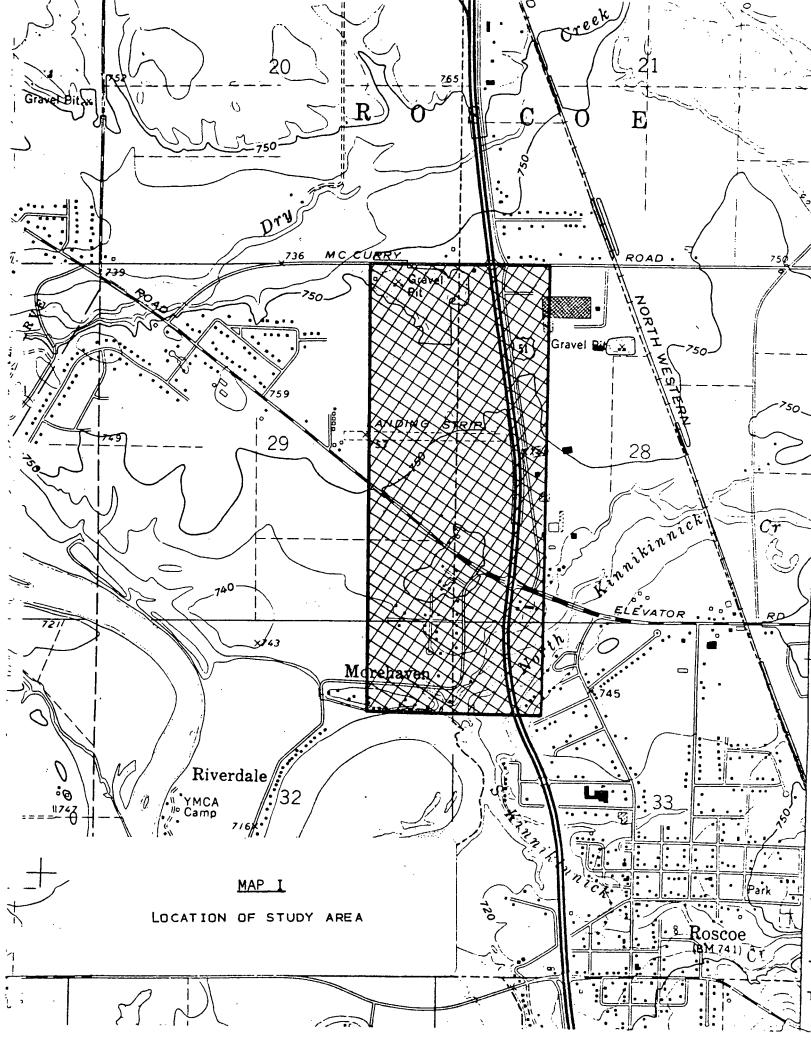
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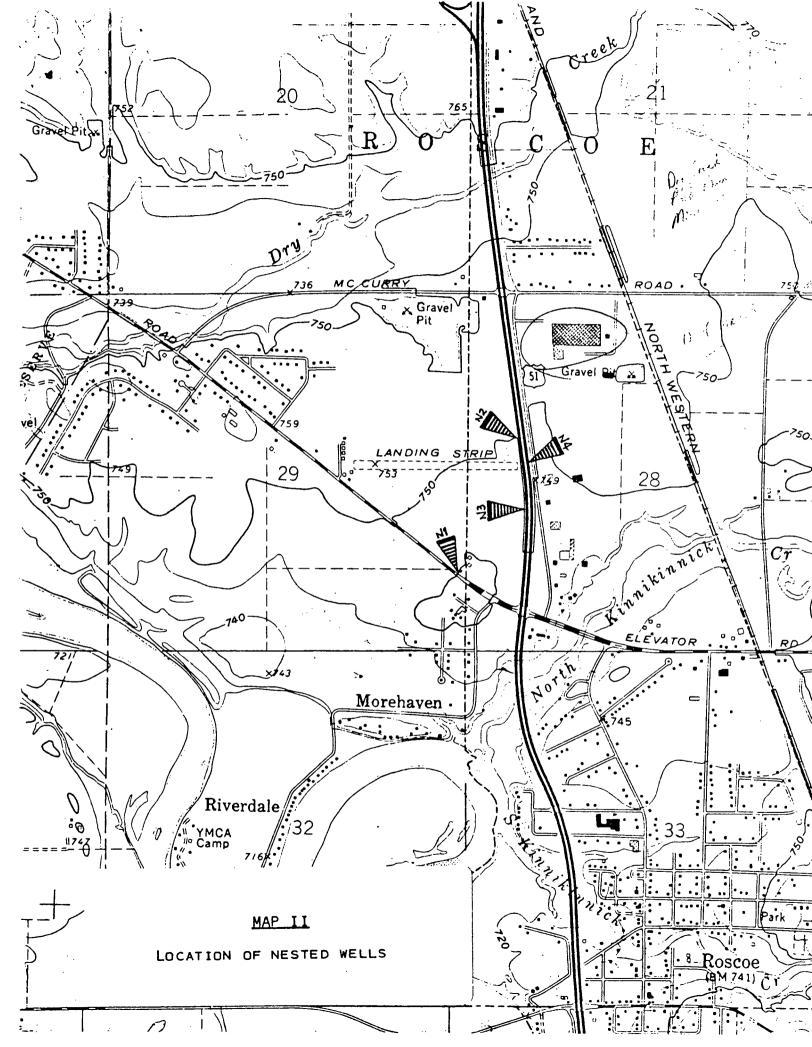
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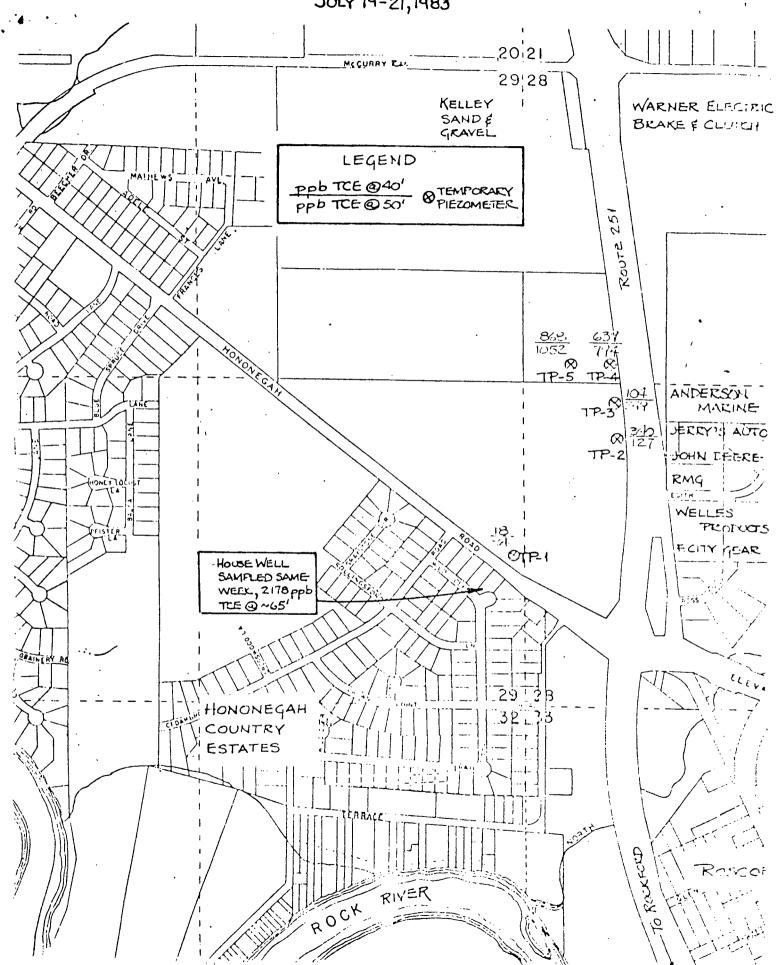


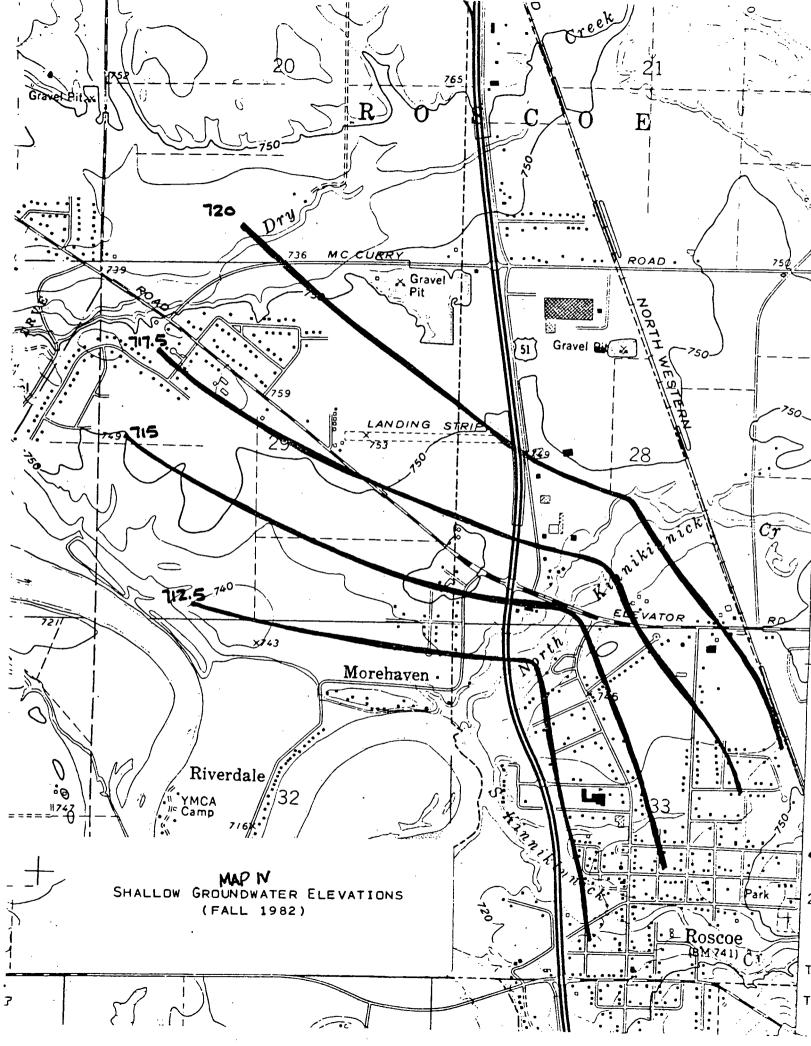
BASE MAP - STATE OF ILLINOIS ALSO WINNEBAGO COUNTY & CITY OF ROSCOE



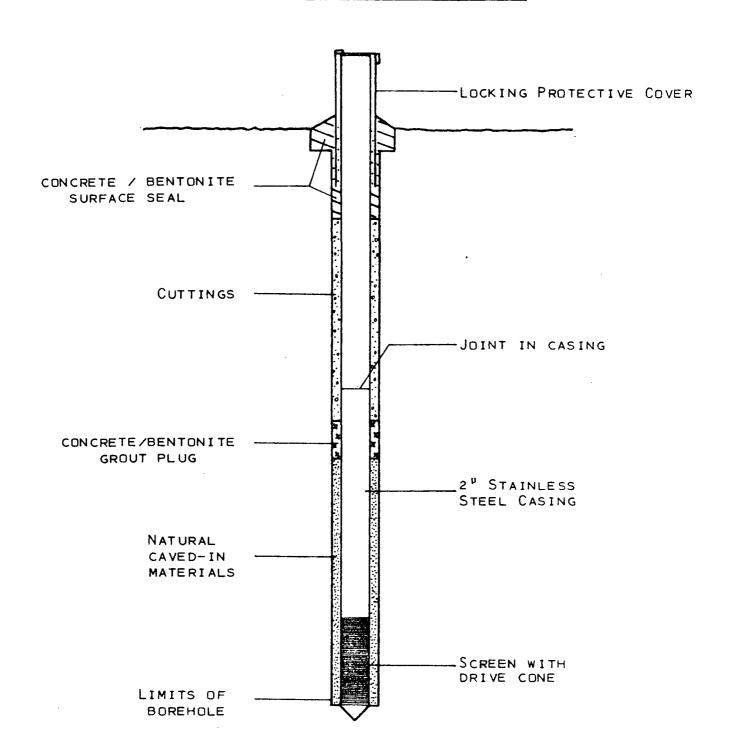


## RESULTS OF SAMPLING TEMPORARY WELLS JULY 19-21, 1983





#### SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF MONITOR WELL



<sup>\*\*</sup>NOTE-NOT DRAWN TO EXACT SCALE

#### Illinois Environmental Protection Agency GROUNDLEVEL ELEV 750.12 N1-80 FINISH ABOVE PACKING WINLEBAGO Cuttings 8/9 8/8/83 TCE GROWN, WATER CONTAMINATION - KOSCOE, IL AREA ~ 75' WEST OF OLD FARM ENTRANCE - NORTH SIDE OF HONONELAN HO. PACKING CONCLETE FINISH House Sten Auger 7:30p - 8/8 - 7:39> BENTONITE GROUT 55 10:403-86- 5:00P SCREEN NATURAL MATERIALS 753.16 SAMPLES SECTIONS OF 2" STAINLESS STEEL SCREW JOINT 1. TIM GREETIS TEFLON TAPED JOINTS 0. Doug Town + (1) PIZOTECTIVE COVER PLUS DRINE COME. H. STEVE ESTES **DESCRIPTION** REMARKS 150.12 SILT - brown, topsoil Mo sampung PERFORMED -SAND & GROWER - Medium sand to 10 CLASSIFICATION OF very coores gravel MATERIALS BROUGH? UP WITH AUGER. SAND - brown, medium to coarse grain sand, angular to sub-rounded, moist. Boena Couplete

### Illinois Environmental Protection Agency W1-70 750.52 WINNERSOO ABOVE PACKING CUTTINKS 8/10 8/10/83 TCE GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION - ROSCOE, IL AREA PACKING CONCRETE BENTONITE GROUT NORTHEAST OF B1 (N1-80 HOLLOW STEM AUGE 9.300 6:15 m SCREEN NATURAL MATERIALS **SAMPLES** 10' SECTIONS OF 2" STAINLESS STEEL SCREW JON'T L. T. GREETIS D. D. Taxan PLUS DRIVE COVE + (1) PROTECTIVE COVER H. J. ESTES ELEV. 750.52 **DESCRIPTION REMARKS** ·No sampling PERFORMED. 10-WATER ENCOUNTERED AT 34.0' Compete

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### Illinois Environmental Protection Agency 749.84 N2-60 FINISH WINNERAGO ABOVE PACKING 8/10 8/10/83 THE GRANDWATER CONTAMINATION - ROSCOE AREA PACKING CONCRETE BENTONITE ~ 0.5 MILE NURTH OF HONONEGAH RO ON WEST SIDE OF 51 House Stem Auger ME 4:20 2 pm SCREEN NATURAL MATERIALS 752.55 TYPE AND QUANTITY **SAMPLES** 10' SECTIONS OF 2" STAINLESS STEEL SLEEW JOINT LT GREET'S (TEPLON TAPE JOINTS) 0.D. 70LAN TYPE AND QUANTITY + (1) PROTECTIVE COVER H. S. ESTES SCREEN PLUS DRIVE CONE DESCRIPTION **REMARKS** 749.84 AUGERED DOWN TO 60.0' 10 · No SAMPLING PERFORMED. Upper SAND AND GRAVEL. INCREME CLASSIFICATION OF IN GRAVEL SIZE PARTICLES. MATERIALS 30 Samo - fine to coarse sand, tan to BROUGHT UP WITH brown, finer than at NI-AUGER. BORING COMPLETE

### Illinois Environmental Protection Agency N2-50 49.7 ABOVE PACKING *where* 8/10 8/10/83 CUTTINGS PACKING CONCRETE /BENTONIFE GROWT 5:45p SCREEN NATURAL MATERIALS **SAMPLES** SECTIONS OF 2" STAINLESS IT GREETIS ( TEPLON TAPED JOINTS) O.D. TOLAN PLUS DRIVE CONE + (1) PROTECTIVE COVER " S. ESTES 149.17 **DESCRIPTION REMARKS** Augeren DOWN TO 50.0' PERFORMED. COMPLETE IL 532-1112 LPC 137 6/83

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### Illinois Environmental Protection Agency BORING NO. B7 N3-40 WINLERAGO ABOVE PACKING 8/11/83 CUTTINGS 8/11 CONTAMINATION - ROSCOE AREA PACKING FINISH 9:30 am 14:35ac SCHEEN NATURAL MATERIALS **SAMPLES** 2" STAINLESS STEEL SCIEEN JOWT "T. GREETS 0. D. TOLAN SCREEN PLUS DENT CONE + (1) PROTECTIVE COVER DESCRIPTION **REMARKS** 748.77 Augerees DOWN TO 40.0' PERFORMED 20 BORING Complete

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### Illinois Environmental Protection Agency BORING NO. B9 N4-50 748.36 FINISH ABOVE PACKING WINNERAGO 8/11/83 8/,, CUTTINGS GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION - ROSCOE AREA NORTH OF BB (N4-60 PACKING CONCRETE / BENTOM JE GROUT 4:20 2:20pm SCREEN NATURAL MATERIALS <u>50.0'</u> SAMPLES STAINLESS T. GREETIS TESTON TAPED Sampler Type Sample Recovary F1 Penetrometer IStrength) D. Towar SCREEN PLUS DUINE CONE + (1) PROTECTIVE Covers " S ESTES DESCRIPTION **REMARKS** 748.36 · No sampling PERFORMED. AUGERED DOWN TO 50.0' BOIZING COMPLETE

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